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Enclosed for filing is an informal application as above identified, comprising a specification, claims and drawings.

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2. Title:

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HAVING SUCH A GRASS COLLECTING APPARATUS

3. Photographs: Twelve (12) sheets of drawings.

4. Claims:

Eight (8) claims, two (2) of which are independent.

5. Priority:

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